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For: CELL-BASED THERAPIES FOR ISCHEMIA

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

An Office Action was mailed on August 26, 2008 setting forth a three-month period for response. Applicants are submitting this response with a Request for Continued Examination and concurrently requesting a three-month extension of time. Thus, this Reply and Request for Continued Examination is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.